Central funding for CHIS

1294. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central funding for implementation of 'Community Health Insurance Scheme' (CHIS) in Andhra Pradesh under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Programme during the last three years and till date, year-wise separately;

(b) the total number of people covered under CHIS in the State during this period; and

(c) the details of the benefits and facilities being provided under CHIS?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no such scheme called "Community Health Insurance Scheme" [CHIS] running in Andhra Pradesh under National Rural Health Mission [NRHM]. However, an insurance scheme *viz.* "Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Insurance Scheme" is run by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. A token support of Rs.10 Crores each in 2007-08 and 2008-09 has been approved under NRHM for this Scheme, as an innovative measure, considering that NRHM is focused on Primary Health Care.

(b) Under the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Insurance Scheme 204.13 lakh BPL Families are covered till date.

(c) Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Insurance Scheme Provides financial protection to families living below poverty line up to Rs. 2 lakhs in a year for the treatment of serious ailments requiring hospitalization and surgery. 389 procedures are covered under the scheme.

Policy for biomedical waste management

1295. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is being proposed to formulate a policy for biomedical waste management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Government had formulated National Guidelines on Hospital Waste Management and circulated to States and Union Territories in March, 2002.

These guidelines have been prepared to enable hospitals to implement the Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998, notified under the Environment Protection Act 1986, by developing comprehensive plans for segregation, collection, storage, treatment, transportation and disposal of the hospital waste in terms of :